

WTGE

AM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

WTGE (EFF. 7-14-80)
Call Letters X WEQC

Station Location KALKASKA, MICHIGAN

Name KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter Location One-half mile S. of city limits of Kalkaska on M-66, Kalkaska, Michigan

Main studio location Same as TL

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-20,329 CP FOR A NEW STATION	5-16-79	1420KHz. 500w Non-DA Daytime (RC)	5-16-80
BP-20329 (1)	7/31/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED & EBSA issued	
BMP800226AH (2)	4-28-80	Mod. of CP (BP-20329) for ext. of time to:	10-20-80
EBSA	7-14-80	CALL SIGN CHANGE	
BMP-800902AQ (3)	11-6-80	MP (BP-20329, as mod.) for ext. of time to:	4-30-81
BMP-810305AF (4)	5-1-81	MP (BP-20329, as Mod.) for ext. of time to:	10-31-81

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WEQC
Letters NEW

Name KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY
Kalkaska, Michigan (309 George Vth Ave., Croswell, Mich. 48422)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-20,329	4-29-76	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station on:	GRANTED MO&O	5-16-79
Rec'd	5-3-76	Freq. 1420khz.		
Filed		Power 500w		
\$100-562663	5-3-76	Hours of oper. Daytime		
AC-001		Trans. Harris 1-G- BC-1G		
pn rec'd	5-22-76	Trans. loc. & studio loc. One-half mi. S.		
	5-23-76	of city limits on Mich. Hwy. M-66, Kalkaska,		
		Mich. 44° 43' 12" 85° 10' 23"		
		Atty:-		
		Eng. Harold Munn, Jr.		
		Amended 6-7-76 re engineering		
		Amended correct Trans.		
PETITION TO DENY filed	9-8-77	by Daryal A. Myse on behalf of Peninsula B/C Co.		

SEE CARD # 2

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Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
LettersWEQC
NEWName Kaltrim Broadcasting Company
Kalkaska, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-20,329 CONTINUED FROM CARD #1	10-11-77	FURTHER PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY KALTRIM B/CING CO.		
	10-17-77	OPPOSITION TO "PETITION TO DENY KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY APPLICATION FILED BY KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY.		
	10-27-77	REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY FILED BY PENINSULA BROADCASTING COMPANY.		
	11-29-77	SUPPLEMENT TO "OPPOSITION TO 'PETITION TO DENY KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY'S APPLICATION'" by Kaltrim Broadcasting Company		
	12-7-77	REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTAL OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY by Peninsula Broadcasting Company		
AMENDED	9-5-78	amended by-laws,ascertainment, financial(bank ltr) and programming		
AMENDED	9-5-78	by-laws, Fairness Doctrine commercial policy issue, ascertainment and programming balance sheet		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call X WEQC
LettersNEW.....

Name KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY
Kalkaska, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-20,329 CONTINUED FROM CARD #2			GRANTED	
Amended R & F 1-31-79		re: Ascertainment of community needs		
AMENDED 3-19-79		engr(field strength measurements)		
MO&O Adopted 5-16-79		Dismissed petition to deny filed by Peninsula Broadcasting Co. & Granted Kaltrim Broadcasting Company		MAY 16 1979
BMP-800226AH APR 17 1980		Mod of CP(BP-20329) for extension of time to December 15, 1980	GRANTED	4-28-80
(o)				
PRESS:				

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1420KHz.

Call Letters: W T G E

Name: KALTRIM BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: KALKASKA, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP800902AQ PRESS (0)	OCT 14 1980	MP (BP-20,329, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: <u>4-15-81</u> (NEW STATION)	GRANTED: 11-6-80 TO: 4-30-81
BMP-810305AF PRESS:	(0) APR 9 1981	MP(BP-20,329 as mod.) for extension of time to 10-15-81. (NEW STATION)	GRANTED: 5-1-81 TO: 10-31-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

